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1. Receipt of Information Disclosure Statement paper (IDS), filed 22 March 1999, is acknowledge. The IDS paper has been considered and initialed by the Examiner (see attached PTO-1449).
2. Receipt of the Proposed Count paper under 37 CFR § 1.607 filed 21 January 1998, for obtaining interference with US Patent No. 5,595,164 issued 21 January 1999, is acknowledge. However, the Proposed Count paper is insufficiently to comply as set forth under 37 CFR § 1.607(4) & (5) because the applicant does not identify at least one claim in the pending application or apply the terms of any application claim corresponding to the proposed count.

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3. A shortened statutory period for response is to set to expire ONE month from the mailing date of this communication.

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Examiner Hieu T. Vo whose telephone number is (703) 308-1951. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday from 7:30 AM - 4:00 PM.

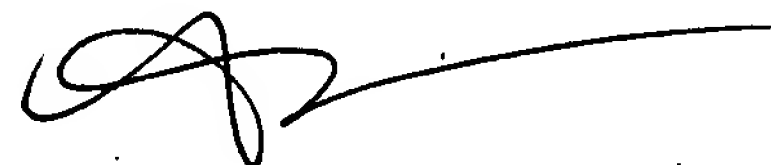
If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Henry C. Yuen, can be reached on (703) 308-1946. The fax phone number for this group is (703) 308-7766.

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